prescribed occupancy certificate. Action has been initiated for criminal prosecution of the offenders.

As fo,- the Nehru Place Hotel, the Delhi Development Authority has reported that the hotel continues to be under construction and it is not correct that it has been illegally occupied.

(c) The relevant statutes empower all the Local Bodies of Delhi to launch prosecution against such offences. Action is taken from time to time when offences come to notice. Besides, power or water connections to a building is not given till the prescribed completion/occupation certificate has been issued by the competent authority.

Merger of metallurgical and engineering consultants India with SAIL

1112. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the merger of public sector Metallurgical and Engineering Consultants India (MECON) with Steel Authority of India Ltd. is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so. by when the merger is likely to be made; and

(c) to what extent the Steel plants under SAIL are likely to achieve the targets of production?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR); (a) No, Sir.

(b) Docs cot, arise.

(c) SAIL plants are planning to achieve the targets of production set for the current year.

Expert group for production and distribution of seeds

1113. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up an expert group to go into the various aspects of seeds production and distribution in the country;

(b) if so, the composition of the group;

(c) by when the expert group is likely to submit its report to Government; and

(d) to what extent the farmers are likely to be benefited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The composition of the Expert Group on Seed is given in the Statement *(See* below),

(c) The Expert Group on Seed is expected to submit its report by June, 1989.

(d) The Expert Group on Seed is ex pected to make several recommendations designed to improve seed research pro duction, processing, storage, quality con trol and marketing. The Expert Group on Seed will also recommend suitable link ages between various agencies involved in the seed industry. As a result it is ex pected that the fanners will be able to have access to high quality seed as rea sonable price.

Statement

Composition of the Expert Group on Seed

1. Shri K. Ramamurthy . . . . 3, Forest Park, Bhubaneswar (Orissa)	Chairman
2 Dr. M. V. Rao . . . . Special Director General Inian Council of Agricultural Research, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi	Member